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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2008, in connection with the above referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.